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THE SECRET SATURDAYS CREATED BY: JAY STEPHENS
THIS IS DUMB. HOW ARE WE SUPPOSED TO CAPTURE SOMETHING ON VIDEO IF WE CAN'T SEE IT?
THE CAVE OF SWALLOWS, SAN LUIS POTOS, MEXICO.
HOW ABOUT PAYING ATTENTION TO WHAT YOU CAN SEE? IT'S MORE THAN TWELVE HUNDRED FEET AND TWELVE SECONDS OF SCREAMING BEFORE YOU HIT THE BOTTOM.
OOSKA GREELEE FEE!
WHAT? YOU CAN SEE THEM?! I DON'T BELIEVE YOU.
SHOW ME.
WHOA! THOSE ARE SO COOL.
WHAT ARE THEY?
ZAIRESUN. ZAIRESUN.
SKYFISH, OR FLYING RODS.
YOU CAN FIND THEM ALL OVER THE WORLD, BUT THEY MOVE SO FAST THEY'RE ALMOST IMPOSSIBLE TO SEE WITH THE NAKED EYE. THEY'RE REALLY EASY TO CATCH ON VIDEO, BUT NOT SO EASY TO CATCH IN REAL LIFE.

ACCORDING TO THIS POPULATION CENSUS WE'RE PERFORMING, SOMETHING MUST BE CATCHING THEM IN ABUNDANCE...
...UNLESS THERE'S SOME OTHER ENVIRONMENTAL FACTOR THAT'S CAUSED THEIR NUMBERS TO DROP SINCE THE LAST TIME YOUR MOTHER AND I WERE HERE.
THIS DEFINITELY CALLS FOR AN INVESTIGATION.
WHO'S UP FOR A LITTLE SPELUNKING?
sniff-sniff
Wooly Bully
Woodpecker
Yakkity Yak
Natasha Muntinski
Fatfish
Frezwalski's Horse

KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR ANY SIGNS OF ANIMAL LIFE.
I THINK ME AND FISK ARE STANDING IN SIGNS OF ALL THOSE BIRDS THAT LIVE HERE.
BLEAAAH!
I'VE FOUND SOMETHING.
I THINK IT'S THE LARVAE OF THE SKYFISH.
THERE'S ANOTHER ONE OVER HERE.
THEY'RE ALL OVER THE PLACE. THERE MUST BE MILLIONS OF THEM...
...AND THEY'RE PRETTY GROSS IF YOU ASK ME.
BE CAREFUL OF THE SWIFT AND PARAKEET NESTS.
THEY'RE EMPTY, BUT NOT ABANDONED.
THEY'RE EVERYWHERE. ARE YOU SURE THE BIRDS AREN'T JUST EATING ALL THE SKYFISH?
THE BIRDS AND SKYFISH HAVE BEEN COHABITING FOR AS LONG AS WE KNOW, AND YES, THE BIRDS DO OCCASIONALLY FEED ON SKYFISH, BUT NOT ENOUGH TO EXPLAIN THE TREMENDOUS DROP IN NUMBERS WE'RE SEEING NOW.

I DON'T GET IT.
THE LARVAE ARE THRIVING, WITH NO APPARENT NATURAL PREDATORS. SO WHY AREN'T THE ADULT SKYFISH?
SLUUURRP!
SLUUURRRP
CHOMP CHOMP
GRNCH
WHAT'S THAT OVER THERE?
PIECEMEAL!
HE MUST HAVE STOWED AWAY ON THE AIRSHIP!
:SLUURRRP: YES, AND I MUST THANK YOU FOR HELPING ME CROSS ONE MORE RARE CREATURE OFF OF MY WISH LIST OF THINGS TO EAT. :SLUURRP:
NOW I'LL HAVE TO SEE HOW THESE SKYFISH LARVAE TASTE IN A GARLIC BUTTER SAUCE WITH FRESH ASPARAGUS. :SLURRRP:
LOOK! THOSE LARVAE ARE MOLTING INTO THEIR ADULT FORM!

SLUUURP
PERFECT. NOW I CAN SEE HOW THEY TASTE IN ADULT FORM AS WELL.
WE HAVE TO STOP HIM!
DON'T WORRY, ZAK. I DOUBT PIECEMEAL WILL CATCH ANY OF THE ADULT SKYFISH.
NO ONE EVER HAS.
BUT, JUST TO BE ON THE SAFE SIDE, LET'S GO SUPERVISE HIS ASCENT.
GRRRRR!

GEEJEEPA?
WHAT IS THAT?
WHAT? I DON'T SEE ANYTHING!
HOW COME I NEVER SEE WHAT EVERYONE IS LOOKING AT?
THERE AGAINST THE TREE AND SKY. SOME SORT OF DISTORTION IN THE AIR.
WE'D BETTER GET UP TOP AND CHECK IT OUT.
AHA!
?!
WHAT IS THIS?

IS THAT WHAT I THINK IT IS?
IT'S A SKY JELLY, AN ATMOSPHERIC LIFEFORM. THERE HAVE BEEN SIGHTINGS OF THEM GOING BACK TO THE 1800S, BUT NONE LIKE THIS.
IT MUST USE THOSE LURES TO ATTRACT OTHER SKYFISH, SO IT CAN EAT THEM. THIS MUST BE WHAT WE'VE BEEN LOOKING FOR.
THAT'S FASCINATING, DOC, BUT SHOULDN'T WE BE DOING SOMETHING TO RESCUE PIECEMEAL?
WHAT? MOM, YOU'VE GOT TO BE KIDDING. THAT GUY TRIED TO EAT FISK!
HE'S ONLY GETTING WHAT HE DESERVES.
ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL DIFFERENCES BETWEEN US AND SOMEONE LIKE PIECEMEAL IS THAT WE ALWAYS TRY TO DO THE RIGHT THING.
EXTENDING HUMANITARIAN AID TO *ANYONE* WHO NEEDS IT IS DOING THE RIGHT THING.
FINE. I GET IT.
ZON! HERE GIRL!

YOU DON'T WANT TO EAT THAT DISGUSTING MAN. HE'LL MAKE YOU PUKE.
LET HIM GO.
IT'S WORKING.
LETTING THAT THING EAT YOU WOULD HAVE BEEN JUST DESSERTS.
MAYBE YOUR CLOSE CALL WILL CAUSE YOU TO RETHINK YOUR QUEST TO EAT EVERY RARE ANIMAL ON EARTH.
=SLUURRRP=
WHAT'S THIS?
THERE'S A TOWN ABOUT TWENTY MILES NORTHEAST OF HERE. I'D GET STARTED IF I WERE YOU. A LOT OF PREDATORS COME OUT AT NIGHT.
YOU MAY HAVE COME HERE ON OUR AIRSHIP, BUT YOU'RE LEAVING ON YOUR OWN.
HAIRY BILLED WOODPECKER
THYLACINE GOONCH
SQUATCHWOLUNTIAC
SKAFFISH
PREZWALSKI'S HORSE
SKWELLY
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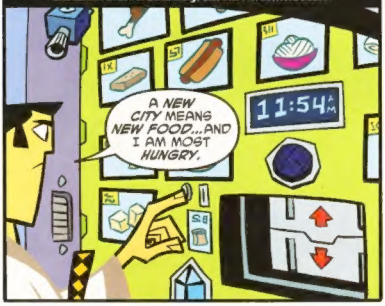
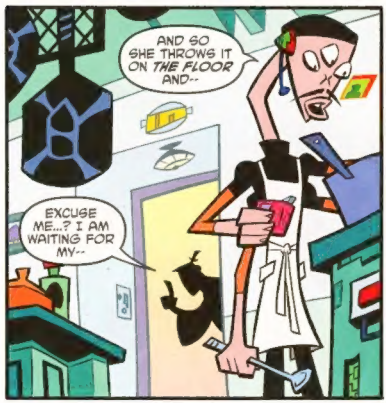




BUT THIS ISN'T WHAT I ORDERED...
NEVER MIND.
..WELL, OF COURSE I DON'T THINK YOU SHOULD..
WALK NOW
WALK NOW... WALK NOW... WALK NOW...
WALK NOW
WWOOOSH
THAT DRIVER IS A DANGER TO PEDESTRIANS!

DON'T YOU REALIZE YOU WERE SUPPOSED TO STOP AT--
OH, I CAN'T BELIEVE HE WOULD JUST--
ANOTHER ONE!
DO ALL THE PEOPLE HERE USE THOSE--
WHEEEELLLPPP! MY PURSE!

OOF--!
HOLD IT THERE!
HOW--?
HMMM...
YOU ARE NOT WHAT YOU SEEM!

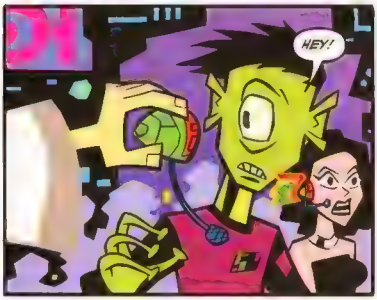
AW, MAAAAN!
MAJOR BUMMAGE! SOME NINJA DUDE JUST SHORTED OUT MY HARD-LIGHT CONSTRUCT.
JONI
I AM A SAMURAI. AND YOU WILL NOT MOVE UNTIL THE AUTHORITIES ARRIVE!
MISS, I HAVE RETRIEVED YOUR BELONGINGS--
CAN YOU BELIEVE I WAS ATTACKED RIGHT OUTSIDE MY OWN HOME? I TELL YOU--
--THE NERVE OF SOME PEOPLE! WHAT IS THIS CITY COMING TO?
I AM BEGINNING TO WONDER THAT VERY THING...

"WHAT HAS BECOME OF THESE PEOPLE...?"

PARDON ME, I--

NOW, WAIT A MINUTE--

ALL RIGHT, I HAVE HAD ENOUGH!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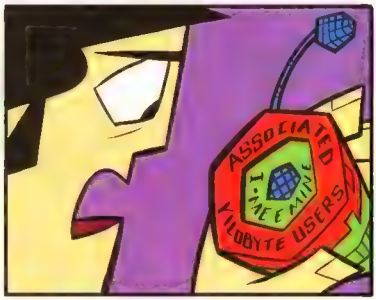
ASSOCIATED
I-MAC MINE
KILOBYTE USERS

ASSOCIATED KILOWATT USERS
CEO
GIR, YOU JUST CAN'T GO BURSTING IN--
I DEMAND TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK YOU ARE--
"A-K-U"... AKU!
SOMEBODY TALKING ABOUT ME? MY EARS ARE BURNING!
NOW, I ADMIT, IT'S NOT MY USUAL FORTE, BUT I LIKE TO KEEP UP WITH THE TIMES.
BUT YOU ARE CAUSING THESE PEOPLE TO FORGET THE IMPORTANCE OF HUMAN INTERACTION!
ALWAYS SINGLE-MINDED, JACK...I AM ONLY MAKING THE "I-MEEMINE" AVAILABLE TO THE MASSES.
I'M NOT FORCING THEM TO USE IT!
THEN LET ME SUGGEST A "DOWNGRADE!"
KADOOM

OH, WELL-- WITH TECHNOLOGY ADVANCING SO FAST, THE THING WAS *ALREADY* BECOMING *OUTDATED.*
WHA-- WHAT *HAPPENED?* I LOST MY SIGNAL...
MINE'S NOT WORKING *EITHER...*
WHAT DO I DO *NOW?*
THIS.
THE END

WARNING! YOU ARE READING THE SOOPER CLASSIFIED MISSION FILES OF THE KIDS NEXT DOOR, A TEAM OF FIVE EXCEPTIONAL 10 YEAR OLDS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING THE TYRANNY OF ADULTS WHEREVER IT REARS ITS WRINKLY HEAD! THE SECRET'S OUT! ARE YOU IN?

CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR IN OPERATION: G.E.N.D.E.R. (GIRLS EVENTUALLY NEED DOUBLE EMERGENCY REMEDY)

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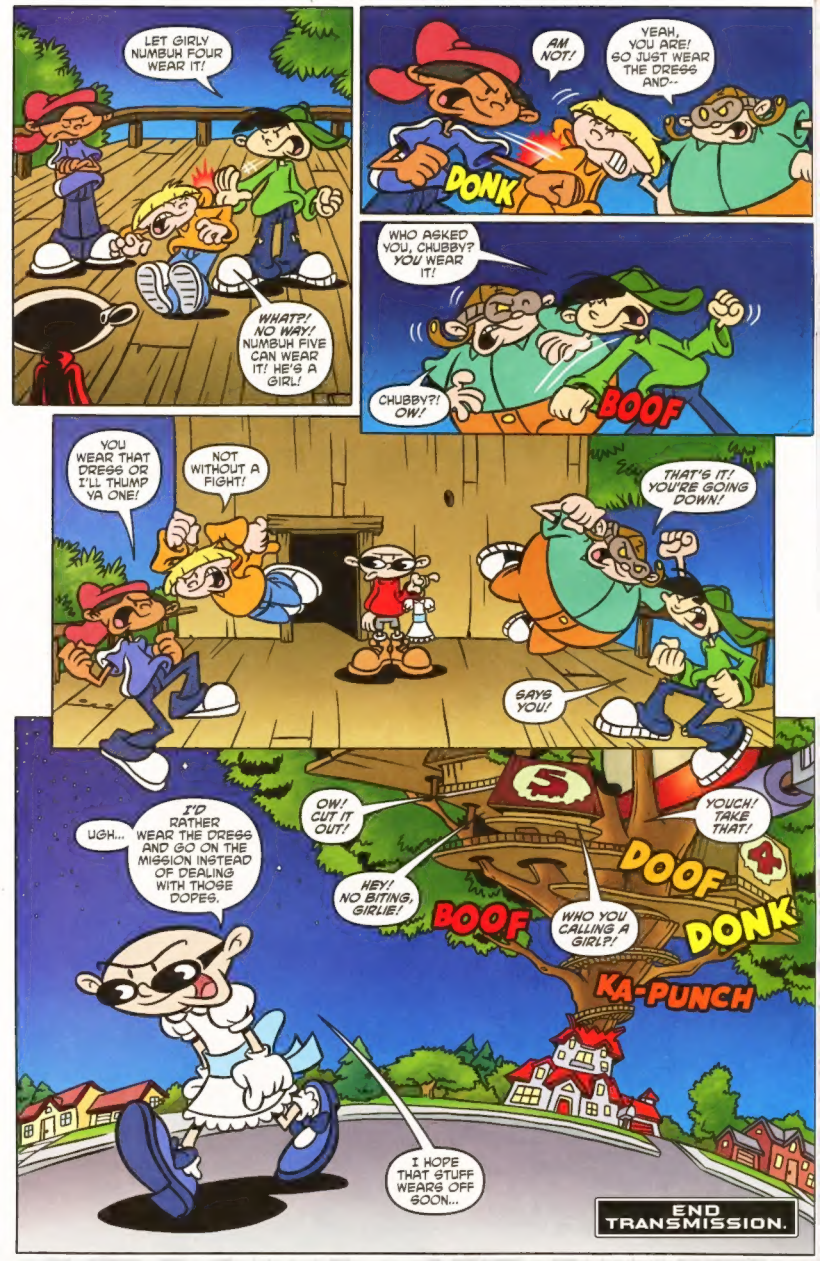
KND
UM... WELL... IT'S KIND OF A NICE NIGHT OUT, EH, NUMBUH THREE?
OH, IT'S SO BEAUTIFUL, NUMBUH FOUR. BUT I'D BE ABLE TO ENJOY IT EVEN MORE...
...IF MY TUMMY DIDN'T HURT SO MUCH! I DON'T KNOW WHY I LET NUMBUH 74.239 RUN THOSE CRAZY TESTS ON ME TO ISOLATE THE COOTIE GENE!
I TOLD YA NOT TO DRINK THAT MEDICINE HE GAVE YOU! I SWEAR I SAW HIM PUT OLD BAND-AIDS AND MAYONNAISE IN IT! BUT ANYWAY...
IT'S NOT OFTEN WE'RE ALONE, NUMBUH THREE...
OH, NUMBUH FOUR...

DON'T INTERRUPT, KUKI! BECAUSE I MAY NEVER GET ANOTHER CHANCE TO FINALLY SAY THIS!
NO, NUMBUH--
GURK!
KUKI SANBAN, I'VE WAITED A LONG TIME TO SAY THIS, BUT YOU...YOU ARE...
GACK! AUUUUUGH...
GA-SLORP!
...YOU'RE...
...A BOY?
YER DARN SKIPPY, I AM!
DONK
OOOOOWWWW! THAT HUUUURTS!
AW, QUIT BEIN' SUCH A GIRL! WANNA WRASSLE?!
HEY, LEGGO! HEEEEEEEELP!
HEY, WHAT'S ALL THE RACKET ABOUT?!
WHOA! WHAT HAPPENED TO NUMBUH THREE?!
OW OW OW! GET HER--I MEAN HIM, OFFA ME!
NOOGIE PATROL! NOOGIE NOOGIE NOOGIE! HA HA!

GET READY! HERE COMES A
HEE HEE!
SUPER FRIENDS SUPER STUMPER
BY SHOLLY FISCH & TY TEMPLETON
UH OH! MISTER MXYZPTLK HAS PULLED ONE OF HIS MAGICAL PRANKS! HE MADE THESE COMMON WORDS AND PHRASES COME TO LIFE!
CAN YOU FIGURE OUT THE WORDS, AND BREAK THE MAGIC SPELL?
BUTTERFLY
THIS WORD IS SOMETHING YOU NEED AT THE BEACH.
1
THIS IS SOMETHING YOU'LL FIND AT A POOL.
CANNONBALL!
2
HERE'S SOMETHING YOU'D FIND IN A RING.
JAB JAB
3
AND THIS ONE'S PART OF A BASEBALL TEAM.
4
DON'T CALL ME PEE-WEE!
YOU MIGHT PUT YOUR PET IN ONE OF THESE.
HERE BOY!
WOOF!
5
HOW MANY DID YOU GET? TURN THE PAGE OVER TO CHECK YOUR ANSWERS.
ANSWERS: 1. BATHING SUIT. 2. DIVING BOARD. 3. BOXING GLOVE. 4. SHORTSTOP. 5. DOGHOUSE.
FOR MORE ADVENTURES, PUZZLES, AND FUN, READ
DC SUPER FRIENDS
ON SALE EVERY MONTH!

HEY, COME BACK HERE AND LET'S HAVE A SLAP FIGHT, STINKY!
UGH! SHE DRANK SOME CRAZY STUFF NUMBUH 74,239 GAVE HER AND TURNED ALL BOY-LIKE!
YOU MEAN THAT STUFF THAT TASTED LIKE OLD BAND-AIDS AND MAYO?
WAIT, YOU DRANK SOME, TOO?
GURK!
GA-SLORP!
DARN SKIPPY I DID! WANNA WRASSLE?
OOOOW!
BOMP
GAH!
YEAH! I'LL FIGHT CHUNK-STYLE OVER HERE!
WHOO HOOO! I'M KING OF THE MOUNTAIN!
UNTIL I KNOCK YA DOWN!
HEEEEEEEEEEEELP!
ALL RIGHT, TEAM, WHICH ONE OF YOU IS GOING TO WEAR THIS FRILLY WHITE DRESS IN ORDER TO INFILTRATE THE TEA PARTY TERROR SQUAD?
AS IF I NEED TO ASK, NUMBUH THREE!
FRILLY DRESSP!?! YUCK!


LET GIRLY NUMBUH FOUR WEAR IT!
WHAT?! NO WAY! NUMBUH FIVE CAN WEAR IT! HE'S A GIRL!
AM NOT!
YEAH, YOU ARE! SO JUST WEAR THE DRESS AND--
DONK
WHO ASKED YOU, CHUBBY? YOU WEAR IT!
CHUBBY?! OW!
BOOF
YOU WEAR THAT DRESS OR I'LL THUMP YA ONE!
NOT WITHOUT A FIGHT!
THAT'S IT! YOU'RE GOING DOWN!
SAYS YOU!
UGH...
I'D RATHER WEAR THE DRESS AND GO ON THE MISSION INSTEAD OF DEALING WITH THOSE DOPES.
OW! CUT IT OUT!
HEY! NO BITING, GIRLIE!
BOOF
WHO YOU CALLING A GIRL?!
DOOF
YOUCH! TAKE THAT!
DONK
KA-PUNCH
I HOPE THAT STUFF WEARS OFF SOON...
END TRANSMISSION.

Send your letters today:

JOHNNY DC SAYS:

LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

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Dear Johnny DC,

Look at my creation! I drew one of Ben's aliens. He's 1,022 years old. Cool, huh?

Izeyah Mendez, age 10
El Paso, Texas

I have to print everyone's drawings small, so maybe not everyone can tell, but I'll vouch – it's cool.
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY IZEYAH MENDEZ

Dear Johnny DC,

My favorite show and comic book is BEN 10. Ben, Gwen, and the rest of the team are really spectacular. All the aliens are really, really super cool. My favorite alien out of all the aliens is Goop.

Keep writing and I'll keep watching and reading. Thank you for BEN 10; it makes my day fun.

Ivan "Chico" Morales, age 8
Buffalo, New York

And your letters make my day fun! (Am I getting mushy or what?)
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY CHICO MORALES

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Dear Johnny DC,

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK is my favorite DC comic (since you stopped making LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IN THE 31ST CENTURY, that is). I especially like BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE.

I drew a picture of Echo Echo, separated into five bodies. My favorite aliens are Spidermonkey, Brainstorm, and Echo Echo. I was wondering who's faster: Jetray or XLR8?

Wynn McDonald, age 10
Big Hill, Kentucky

Since Ben's alien forms seem to get stronger as Ben gets older, I'm guessing Jetray is faster. But we can't be sure unless they race, and you know how hard THAT would be to arrange!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY WYNN McDONALD

DRAWING BY OMAR G., AGE 11

NEXT ISSUE: Ben must travel back in time and team up with his younger self! (Hmm…maybe we could ask Ben and Ben to race each other…) Meanwhile, there's a brand new Aku Fairy Tale coming your way! And Numbah One has to put an end to some killer ties!

DRAWING BY JOHN MORENO, AGE 8

Write to Johnny DC!
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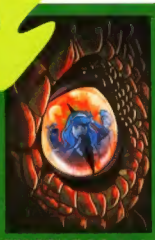
SUPER FRIENDS #18

Meet the Bizarro Super Friends! Them am opposite of Super Friends! So am they...Crummy Enemies?

TINY TITANS #19

Plasmus and Bumblebee are hanging out a lot, and the girls just won't leave Robin alone…love must be in the air!



SCOOBY-DOO #147

Will Scooby and the gang solve the mystery of the Great Barrier Creep or fall victim to the Rainbow Serpent?

BILLY BATSON AND THE MAGIC OF SHAZAM #7

Billy and his sister Mary fight side by side (as well as with each other) against the frightening robotic Mr. Atom!

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The Secret Saturdays investigate the Flying Rods cryptids! Samurai Jack has trouble with technology!

LOONEY TUNES #177

Pharaoh Fudd will have the greatest monument in Egypt constructed by his master engineer… Daffy Duck?

BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD #8

Things get hairy when Batman teams up with The Great Ten, China's ultimate super team, to battle yelping Yetis!

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